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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Steven Alan Cordes, et al.
Serial Number	:	09/940,415
Filing Date	:	August 28, 2001
Examiner	:	John A. McPherson
Group Art Unit	:	1756
For	:	PRECISION APERTURES FOR LITHOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Since Claims 2, 7, 9, 10, 13 - 15 have already been canceled which cancellations are hereby reiterated, please now cancel Claims 1, 3 - 6, 8, 11, 12 and allow Claim 16 to issue pursuant to the aforementioned Official Action.